

June 11, 2021

Hi Everyone!

Next Friday we will gather virtually to celebrate the graduation of our remarkable cohort of post-graduate trainees from their PGME programs. This is an event that was introduced with the move to the Glen when we were enabled a lovely open atrium space to celebrate. I especially enjoyed seeing the faces of the partners and families who joined us for the Graduation Ceremony. Sadly the pandemic and public health measures prevents us from gathering together in person to celebrate this important moment in the lives of our trainees. Hopefully this is the second and last time for such a compromise.

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement is for our distinguished **2021 PGME Graduates** who persevered in their training and like cream rose to the top when faced with the challenges of the pandemic on multiple levels. Their names are listed below. Here are the words that I will speak to them next week when we gather:

"Graduations are 'edge' events in one's personal journey. A relatively brief moment poised between two well-defined segments.

The segment you have just finished marks probably the time of greatest learning of knowledge, skills, competencies and values in one's chosen field of medicine. The knowledge and skills will change as the science of medicine progresses, but the competencies, and more importantly the values, will endure and will be hard-wired into your practice. I have no doubt that your training in the Department of Pediatrics at McGill and the MCH-MUHC has instilled in you the science of child health and offered you multiple role models of the highest standards of professionalism and physicianship. More than facts, the Department's educational culture provides an emphasis on questioning received knowledge, continual innovation in the pursuit of improvements in care and outcome, and a dedication to compassion, family-centredness and the highest standards of medical ethics. It is these values, modelled by your teachers, that you should have as a reference standard going forward.

The segment you are about to enter is one of opportunity and a vista not yet fully defined or filled in. This segment remains up to you to map out as you establish your own distinct professional identity and pathway. It is a segment now filled with hope and optimism and what ifs? Here too, use your training as a reference point when you make decisions. The values instilled in you and your own intrinsic barometers will no doubt guide you on the right path as you move forward in your professional journey. The horizon, whatever you choose it to be, can be achieved.

As for that all too brief edge you are experiencing right now between these segments, it is filled with a wondrous and youthful sense of achievement, elation and joy. Savour it as you have earned it. And don't forget to thank the family, friends and teachers who made this fantastic moment in time possible.

Wishing you on the behalf of the Department all the very best as you go forth."

Please join in thanking the organizers of the Graduation Ceremony: Sara Long-Gagne, Marie Michele Gaudreault-Tremblay, Gabrielle Godin and Annie Chabot.

Please join me in congratulating all our graduates as they go forth and wishing them the very best in wherever their journey may take them.

**Graduates:**

**General Pediatrics Residents**

Amna Al-Khuzaei  
Ahmed Almadani  
Abdulkarim Alruwaili  
Chelsea Ash  
Alexandra Dionosopoulos  
Camille Duranceau  
Nathalie Fortin  
Sophia Stattmiller  
Jasmine Vafi

**General Pediatric Residents completing training at MCH (PGY-3)**

Roseline Dion  
Alexandra St-Onge-St-Hilaire  
Esther Vaugon

**Pediatric Subspecialty Residents**

Ashwag Alsaidalani, *Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*  
Esra Bukhari, *Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*  
Rosalie Cavin, *Pediatric Endocrinology*  
Donovan Duncan, *Pediatric Critical Care*  
Kimberley Kaspy, *Pediatric Respiratory Medicine*  
Tugba Alarcon Martinez, *Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine*  
Marta Perez Morgui, *Developmental Pediatrics*  
Lona Mwenda, *Pediatric Critical Care*  
Gabriela de Carvalho Nunes, *Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine*  
Karolina Poplawska, *Pediatric Respiratory Medicine*  
Roosler Billy Telcide, *Pediatric Endocrinology*  
Floura Taher, *Pediatric Critical Care*

**Pediatric Fellows**

Abdulla Alawadhi, *EEG/Epilepsy Fellowship (Neurology)*  
Élisabeth Bernard, *Neonatal Follow-up (Neonatology)*  
Charbel El Kosseifi, *EEG/Epilepsy Fellowship (Neurology)*  
Cintia Junges, *Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Fellowship (Neurology)*  
Jennifer Ladd, *Academic Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship (Endocrinology)*  
Paulina Armendariz Landois, *Advanced Pediatric Intensive Care Medicine Fellowship (Critical Care)*  
Angeliki Makri, *Academic Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship (Endocrinology)*  
Jessica Monteiro, *Social Pediatrics Fellowship (General Pediatrics)*  
Mai Chan Grace Ng, *Clinical Complex Care Fellowship (General Pediatrics)*  
Punnanee Wutthigate, *Neonatology Hemodynamics Clinical Research Fellowship (Neonatology)*

Have a great weekend everyone.

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